

determining process procedure code for determining a function to be used based on the change information and the input weight;

obtaining-and-generating procedure code for obtaining a moved outline point by moving the first outline point based on the input weight and the function determined to be used, and generating an outline of a pattern having the input weight based on the moved outline point.--

REMARKS

Claims 66-68, 70, 71, 73-75, 77, 78 and 80-107 are now pending in this application, with Claims 106 and 107 having been added to provide Applicant with a more complete scope of protection. Claim 80 (the version presented in the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on November 19, 1999) has been amended in terms which more clearly define what Applicant regards as his invention. Claims 66, 73, 80, 85, 95 and 105 are independent.

Claims 66-68, 70, 71, 73-75, 77, 78 and 80-105 are believed to be patentable for the reasons indicated in the Remarks section of the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on November 19, 1999. Claims 106 and 107 are program product claims which correspond to apparatus Claims 66 and 85, respectively, and are believed to be patentable for the reasons set forth from page 12, line 10 to page 14, line 15,

and from page 14, line 20 to page 16, line 13, respectively,
of that Amendment After Final Rejection.

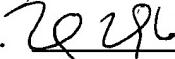
Applicant requests favorable consideration and
early passage to issue of this application.

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